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SUBJ: EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY MEETING: LIVING RESOURCES

FROM US DEL ANTARCTICA

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1. CHAIRMAN HAMBRO REVISED ORDER TO AGENDA TO TAKE UP ITEMS ON MANS IMPACT ON ENVIROMENT, MARINE LIVING RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESOURCES AT THIS TIMEA AND SERIATIM. CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD PUSHED FOR LINKING THESE THREE ITME S TOGETHER BUT SETTLED FOR RESERVATION OF ABILITY TO SPEAK TO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE ITEMS DURING DISCUSSION OF ANY ONE.

2. DEBATE ON MRINE LIVING RESOURCES RESULTED IN SOME DISAGREEMENT OVER SCOPE OF STUDIES TO BE CALLED FOR AND INJECTION OF LOS ISSUES CONCERNING EXISTENCE AND EXTENT OF COASTAL STATE RIGHTS OFF ANTARCTICA SHORE. DEBATE WILL CONTINUE WEDNESDAY WITH MINERAL
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RESOURCES DEBATE OPENING THURSDAY.

3. CHILE, ARGENTINA AND FRANCE HAVE ASSERTED THAT ANTARCTICA HAS SAME LIMITS TO NATIONAL JURISDICTION OFFSHORE AS ANY OTHER CONTINENT. IT WAS NOTED IN THIS DISCUSSION IN PLENARY THAT CHILE AND ARGENTINA CONSISTENTLY RETURNED TO TWELVE MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WITH SEPARATE REFERENCE TO CONTINENTAL SHELF JURISDICTION. ARGENTINA IS OPPOSING STUDIES OF LIVING RESOURCES NORTH OF 60 DEGREES OR OTHERWISE INVOLVING QUOTE SOUTHERN OCEAN UNQUOTE BECAUSE OF INFRINGEMENT ON ARGENTINE FUTURE ECONOMIC ZONE, CHILE REP (SEGERS) AT ONE POINT REFERRED TO CONCLUSION OF LOS TREATY NEXT YEAR.

4. BELGIUM MADE NO STATEMENT OF POSITION ON LIMITS QUESTIONS BUT DID INDICATE BELGIUM WOULD DEFINE POSITION THAT ANTARCTICA HAS MARITIME ZONES OF SOME SORT TO BE DECIDED LATER. WHEN QUERIED PRIVATELY, VAN DER ESSEN OF BELGIUM INDICATED HE WAS CONFIDENT OVERLAPPING CLAIMS OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, AND U.K. WOULD LEAD TO A CONDOMINIUM TYPE RESOLUTION AMONG THE TWELVE. AUSTRALIANS DID NOT SPEAK TO LEGAL ISSUE IN PLENARY BUT LANDALE HAS SAID PRIVATELY THEY NOW HAVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON OFFSHORE QUESTION. LANDALE ALSO PRIVATELY SAID AUSTRALIA HAS ALMOST DECIDED TO FOREGO ITS CLAIM A FEW WEEKS AGO DUE TO INTERNAL POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM INTERNATIONALISTS.

5. U.S. MADE SHORT INTERVENTION ON UNFORTUNATE INJECTION OF LOS ISSUES AND RESERVED ITS POSITION, JAPAN DID THE SAME IN FAR LESS CLEAR TERMS DUE TO LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF US REQUEST FOR SUPPORT. USSR DID NOT THINK LOS ISSUE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION HERE.

6. AUSTRALIA PROPOSED MEETING OF EXPERTS SOON TO DISCUSS MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION ISSUES RELATING TO MARINE LIVING RESOURCES IN ANTARCTICA, INCLUDING NEED FOR CONSULTATION PROCEDURE. NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATED ITSELF AND FRANCE SOUTH-AFRICA HAD EXPRESSED NEED FOR MORE INTENSE STUDIES THAN THOSE CONTEMPLATED BY US. AUSTRALIA AND CHILE SEEM PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIFFICULTY. INDEED, CHILE HAS STRESSED ACCEPTABILITY OF CONSERVATIVE MEASURES FOR MARINE LIVING RESOURCES, PREFERABLY WITHIN ANTARCTIC CONTEXT.

7. JAPAN THANKED FOR VIEWS AND INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR MEETINGS NOT LIMITED TO THE TWELVE.
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